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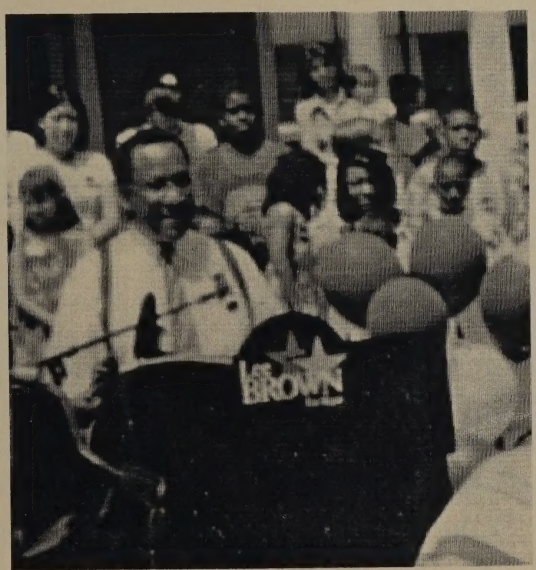


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# Kitu (Welcome)

Welcome AALGA's latest empowerment endeavor, *JAMAA!* This new monthly newsmagazine replaces *AALGANews*, which for the past three (3) years has kept Houstonians informed on the issues affecting the lives of bisexuals, lesbians, gays and transgender people of African descent. Now we take a bold step forward educating, informing and entertaining people throughout Houston and across the nation.

Jamaa, the Swahili term for family, marks our dedication to building and empowering a community for same-gender-loving people of African descent. We are a family of men and womyn, brothas and sistas, young and old, fathers and mothers united by common interests, issues and concerns.

Each month, *JAMAA!* will focus on one issue, event or person affecting our lives and the people we love in the Issue of the month section. In this, the premier issue we invite you to have a look at the things to come. I extend thanks and congratulations to the writers, production staff, and editor for making *JAMAA* a reality. Enjoy.

-S.Walker

# BROWN: "I WILL BE MAYOR FOR ALL OF HOUSTON"

## Former U.S. Drug Czar Could Make History By Becoming Houston's First Black Mayor

On June 1, 1997, former United States Drug Czar and Houston Police Chief Dr. Lee P. Brown announced his candidacy for November's mayoral race. Brown joined a list of contenders including Councilwomen Gracie Saenz and Helen Huey, Former City Controller George Greenias and businessman Bob Mosbacher.

An enthusiastic crowd of over one-thousand people braved the heat to hear Brown, as he strives to become the first African-American mayor of Houston. He pledged to give residents and neighborhoods and active role in the future direction of city government and to be the mayor for all of Houston.

Speaking form the porch of Jack Yates House in Sam Houston Park, Brown, 59, told the crowd of supporters that he believes in "bottom-up, grass roots government" in which communities and residents work together with elected officials to"fight crime, bring jobs to neighborhoods, improve schools and enhance quality of life.

Brown has a distinguished public service record. From 1982-1990 he served as Houston's first African-American Police Chief. During his tenure, Brown diversified the upper ranks of the police hierarchy, instituted neighborhood policing and included lesbian and gay sensitivity training as a part of cadet training. In 1993, President Clinton appointed him to the Cabinet-level position of Director of National Drug Control Policy, a job known as the nation's Drug Czar.

Brown's candidacy could energize the Black Vote, which has for some time laid dormant. In interviews prior to agreeing to serve as the keynote at the 2nd AALGA Banquet, Brown pledged his support of same-sex benefits, and indicated he would support a domestic partnership referendum.

# Upcoming Events

**Friday, July 18, 1997** **7:00 until 10:00 p.m.**
**Liquid Lounge** **220 Avondale**
Reception and book signing by Lisa C. Moore, editor of *Does Your Mama Know: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Coming Out Stories.* Meet and greet, free buffet, cash bar.

**Saturday, July 19, 1997** **2:00 p.m.**
**Club Incognito** **2427 Mc Kinney**
First auditions, Ebony Men of Houston. Be a part of Houston's newest black gay choir. Please bring soundtrack music for audition.

**Sunday, July 20, 1997** **6:00 p.m.**
**Bering U.M.C.** **1410 Harold**
AALGA monthly meeting. Hear the latest news of the organization, including the upcoming conference and town hall meeting.

**July 24 through 27, 1997**
Hotter Than July. Detroit's Black lesbian and gay pride celebration. The midwest's largest black lesbian and gay gathering, featuring several days and nights of events and expressions of pride in Detroit, Michigan. For further information, please call (713) 903-3651

**Through August 10**
"Who Killed Hazel", a mystery/comedy at the Midtown Art Center, 3414 La Branch.

## Ebony Men of Houston Prepare to Sing a New Tune

### New Black Gay Choir Announces Auditions

A new, powerful singing force prepares to make a bold new launch later this month, as Ebony Men of Houston announces open auditions. The group endeavors to become the first all black gay male choir in Houston.

Lavelle Martin, a founder of Ebony Men, discussed plans and goals of the group with *JAMAA!*. "We want to make a statement in Houston about Black gay male unity." said Martin. "We plan on using our talents to raise awareness and most importantly funds for important causes." Martin indicated fundraising plans for HIV/AIDS service organizations Over the Hill Incorporated and the PWA House, and substance abuse treatment facility Serenity House.

Ebony Men will perform a variety of music, from the classics of R&B, Jazz and Gospel. Open auditions will be held at Club Incognito on Saturday, July 19, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. Interested persons should supply their own soundtrack and complete an application. For further information, please call (713) 903-3651.

## Houston Glows With Pride

### Nighttime Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade Very Successful

The nation's first ever nighttime lesbian and gay pride parade was a smashing success. The event on June 29, 1997, brought several thousand people out to see some of the most creative floats ever.

Since this was the first venture into night parades, the event received a fair amount of national press coverage, and even drew protestors bearing signs that read "AIDS kills fags." The protesters, however, were few in number crowd could not dampen the spirits of the exuberant and lively crowd. The 1997 Parade Committee deserves praise for pulling together so successful an event.

# National Headlines

## Forum Announces 1998 Conference

### *Conference Format Enhanced*

Washington -- For the first time ever, the nation's capital will be the site of the Annual Conference of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum. The Eleventh Annual National Black Lesbian and Gay Conference will be held in metro Washington, D.C. from Thursday, February 12-15, 1998. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, located in Arlington, Virginia, just minutes away from the White House.

The theme of the 1998 conference, "Embracing Ourselves, Empowering Our Communities," signifies a revitalized conference format, focusing more workshop sessions to building personal skills and organizational capacity. The conference co-chairs are Forum board members Debra Rose of Denver, Colorado, and Steve Walker of Houston, Texas.

The four day conference sessions will feature a number of topics, including Womyn's and Men's and Youth Empowerment Institutes, a Health Wellness , Awareness and Education Institute, a Policy Institute and two days of skills building workshops. "The new format will assist the Forum in its mission to empower black lesbians and gays." said Walker. "I still recall the excitement of my first National Black Lesbian and Gay Conference, and want to ensure the experience is as rewarding and empowering to future attendees."

The Board of Directors has developed a new application process for community groups that want to host the Conference in their city. Organizations can contact the Forum's Washington office for information about the application process. "As we extend the reach of the Forum to new communities throughout the nation, it is important that our constituency grows likewise" said Rose.

Proposals for workshops, papers and cultural displays for the purpose of celebrating, educating and empowering black lesbians

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and gays are being accepted. An abstract including a description of the program and its relevance should be faxed to the Conference committee. Selected applications will be those that work best to empower black lesbians and gays by developing their leadership skills, increasing their visibility,
and building bridges between various communities.

For more information about the 1998 National Black Lesbian and Gay Conference, contact the Forum at (202) 483-6786 or e-mail Confrnce98@aol.com.

# CONGRESSMAN INTRODUCES BILL TO MAKE AN APOLOGY FOR SLAVERY

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Nearly a decade after Congress apologized for herding Japanese-Americans into internment camps during World War II, a dozen white lawmakers want Congress to apologize to black Americans whose ancestors were enslaved.

``My resolution will not fix the lingering injustice resulting from slavery but reconciliation begins with an apology," said Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio. ``I hope this apology will be a start of new healing between the races."

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., who heads the Congressional Black Caucus, praised Hall for making the attempt, saying he will have accomplished something even if Congress fails to endorse his resolution.

``When I have you calling me about whites apologizing for slavery, that's the kind of attention that's needed to have this country come face-to-face with some of the pain of our history and some of our fallout even today," she said.

``You can't lose with discussion like that. I think that you cannot lose when people finally confront pain and anger and disappointment and polarization.

Hall introduced the measure as the White House prepared for a major presidential speech on the subject of race, but said the timing was

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coincidental.

The original co-sponsors are Reps. David Weldon, R-Fla.; Michael McNulty, D-N.Y.; Jon Christensen, R-Neb.; Tom Lantos, D-Calif.; John Ensign, R-Nev.; Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio; Joseph Pitts, R-Pa.; Jim Traficant, D-Ohio; Tom Coburn, R-Okla.; David Bonior, D-Mich.; and Linda Smith, R-Wash.

A 1988 law made reparations for the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

## Media/Phobia Watch

*Searching the media for expressions and images of black lesbians and gays, who are equally affected by racism, sexism, heterosexism and homophobia. This month, we take a look at the love expressed by Southern Baptists.*

Southern Baptists wrapped up a three-day, high-profile convention with a condemnation of corporate policies that extend health benefits to same-sex partners of employees.

Southern Baptists called same-sex benefits a ``strategy to promote acceptance of the idea that homosexual relationships are morally equivalent'' to heterosexual marriages.

A day earlier, the denomination officially urged its 15 million members to boycott ``gay-friendly'' Disney because of what it called the entertainment giant's ``anti-Christian and anti-family'' direction.

The resolution notes the increasing number of businesses, including Disney, offering same-sex benefits. It calls upon business leaders to treat gay employees ``in a manner commensurate with the love of Jesus Christ.''

**HOMOPHOBIC QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

``We love the homosexual, but the act of sin, we hate that sin.'' Vickey Johnston of Brownsville, delegate to S. Baptist Convention

Story courtesy of Associated Press

# Book Review

## "How Stella Got Her Groove Back"

Fans of Ms. McMillan will find her latest work How Stella Got Her Groove Back an excellent follow up to her best-seller Waiting to Exhale, but others may find it to be more of the same-- male bashing at its best.

The book opens with the lead character, Stella, in the midst of a mid-life crisis and in a rut in her career and social life. She is a 42-year-old mother of a 10-year-old son who she has just shipped off to spend a few weeks with his father, her ex-husband. Stella has completely succumbed to the "Buppie" lifestyle. She has a mini-mansion in a suburb outside Oakland, she drives a BMW, she has an MBA, MFA and works as a securities analyst. The girl has it going on. But her life is empty. With her son gone, she searches for something to occupy her time and hold her attention. She starts working around the house, catching up on long overdue letter writing and reading books she has meant to read for months.

Once she grows tired of these, she decides to settle in and watch television where she gets the idea of going to Jamaica from a commercial. So she calls her travel agent, gives her her credit card (gold American Express), and books a reservation for a seven day trip-- alone. Her sisters, Angela the pragmatist and Vanessa whom she likens to Salt of Salt-n-Pepa fame. Their opinions range from "you are crazy to consider going to a foreign country alone" and "go for it girl, I heard the men are hung like firehouses down there", respectively. With this advice, Stella is off on her adventure to what she hopes is her tropical salvation.

Ms. Mc Millan's writing style is erratic. She shifts back and forth between first and second person without regard to punctuation. Sometimes one must read a passage three or four times to understand what she is trying to say. By not using commas, many paragraphs seem like one long meaningless sentence.

Once in Jamaica, our heroine meets a variety of locals, mostly male who she describes as poorly educated, horny dogs in need of dental work. All of the men that she meets only want to find an American woman to sleep, except for one, Norris, who she assumes is gay and displays her usual disdain for gay men by describing him as "a little too sweet for her tastes". She does meet one man who she does find intriguing in the person of Winston Shakespeare, a 20-year-old native Jamaican, who she becomes totally infatuated with. For the next seven

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Do you know an outstanding sista or brotha? Nominate them for monthly recognition in JAMAA. Please complete this form, and mail it to AALGA.

Nominations may also be sent to the info-line at (713) 526-9062 extension #8.

## I WANT TO NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING PERSON

NOMINEES NAME:

YOUR NAME

YOUR PHONE (IN CASE CLARIFICATIONS ARE NEEDED)

PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE NOMINATING THIS PERSON:

# JAMAA! August Poll

The August issue will focus on interracial relationships. We need your input. Please answer the following questions.

1. What is your race?

2. What is your sex?

3. Are you openly gay/lesbian?

4. What was your highest level of education?
   a. Some High School
   b. High School Graduate
   c. Some College
   d. Bachelor's Degree
   e. Master's Degree
   f. Ph. D.

5. How do you feel about interracial dating?
   a. Opposed
   b. In different
   c. In Favor
   d. No opinion

6. Would you consider dating outside your race?
   Why/why not?

7. How would you describe your dating habits?
   a. Exclusively within your race
   b. Both inside and outside of your race
   c. Exclusively outside of your race.

7. How would you describe the race of your social circle?
   a. Mostly African-American
   b. Mostly Asian
   c. Mostly Latino/a
   d. Mostly White
   e. Racially mixed

Register your comments by July 20, 1997, on the AALGA Info-line at (713) 526-9062 or mail to: JAMAA! Poll c/o AALGA, P.O. BOX 130818, Houston, Texas 77219-0818

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days she vacillated between lusting for this young man and convincing herself she not to sleep with this youngster.

Stella's constant whining about her age gets a little old after the first hundred times. If she says that she is too old to be involved with Winston once, she says it a thousand times. But I guess if she gave in any earlier than she did, there really would not be very much left to talk about in her book. Ms. McMillan beats the age horse to death.

She gets back home and immediately misses him and is totally love-sick. Her behavior reminds of a silly teenager who falls in love every other week. She decides she just did not get enough, so she does the predictable and returns to Jamaica. This time she is on a mission to get her man/boy, but she has company-her son and niece are along. She uses them as a shield just in case her infatuation turns out to be flop. Her return is not really what she had pictured and thinks that maybe she should come to her senses and leave this young man alone to get on with his life. Needless to say, if she did, she would have to end this chore of a novel her so Ms. McMillan has Stella decide to allow him to come to America-on her!!!.

One could close the book here and predict what happens next. Of course she brings him here, she moves him in and they live apprehensively ever after. While she has somehow gotten over her age hang-up, she is still not quite sure what will happen next.

All in all, I would consider this very light reading at best. A warning should be posted on the cover: Read at Your Own Risk.

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## does your mama know?: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Coming Out Stories

By turns funny, passionate, angry and joyous, d*oes your mama know?* reflects the complexity of emotions that accompany coming out for Black lesbians. These 49 short stories, poems, interviews and essays-fiction and nonfiction make up a powerful collection of original and new writing by 41 womyn. *does your mama know?* is ready to take its place in the halls of literary African-American lesbian voices.

The book's editor, Lisa C. Moore, will have a book signing on July 18, 1997. For more information, see related page 5.

# NO MAGIC IN JOHNSON'S HIV STATUS

**Steve Walker**

In late April, Irving "Magic" Johnson issued a press statement, noting that his viral load had dropped to no detection. His wife Cookie exclaimed that Magic was now healed of HIV disease because of their strong faith and prayers. It is important that we examine Johnson's situation and put things in a proper perspective.

Magic's case clearly draws attention to some common misconceptions about HIV in our community. In some instances, people do not believe Magic is HIV positive because of the "way he looks." The image of a frail, gay white man, a strung-out injecting drug user or a street worker (prostitute) unfortunately remains the imaged etched into many people's mind. There is one and only one way to determine whether someone is HIV positive and that is through one of the current HIV testing methods.

The general public must understand that someone with HIV does not fit into any of the established visual stereotypical profiles. Magic, for instance, continues his career as a professional basketball player. Many HIV positive black gay men in our community continue to lead normal lives.

There is a biochemical explanation for the situation that has made HIV in Magic's body non-detectable. A viral load count is the measure of the amount of HIV present in an infected person's body. It is an important marker to determine HIV disease progression and is a critical factor in disease management.

An immediate distinction must be drawn between non-detectable viral load count and not having HIV present at all. A person is not HIV positive, naturally has a zero viral load count. In Magic's case, however, having a viral load that is non-detectable indicates the level of HIV in his body is below the limit of detection for the current testing method. In other words, the test can not "see" the HIV in his blood sample. This does not mean that he has no HIV in his blood, or that

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he is no longer HIV positive.

A good example is to think of what we do when we take an eye exam. If you could imagine the eye exam chart posted on your front door, as you back away from it. Ten feet away, you could probably read every letter on the card pretty well. If you stood one-hundred feet away, it would be much more difficult to read. If you back up 1000 feet away, it would be almost impossible to see the individual letters, though they undoubtedly remain on the card. The level of HIV in Magic's system has backed so far away (because of antivirals), that the current test can not see it clearly.

Is Magic the only person this has happened to? No. Magic is taking the newest class of anti HIV drugs known as protease inhibitors. These drugs stop HIV from making more copies of itself. When people take protease inhibitors early enough, on schedule and in combination with other antivirals, similar viral load decreases may occur.

Has Magic been cured? Absolutely not. Magic Johnson is still HIV positive, and can still transmit HIV if engaging in high risk activity. If he stops taking his medicines, HIV viral load will also increase. This case demonstrates the benefits of early testing and detection of HIV and offers promise in management of HIV disease. We must continue to use our faith to get us through tough times and our minds to make certain we act in a manner that enhances our prayers.

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***Lisa C. Moore***

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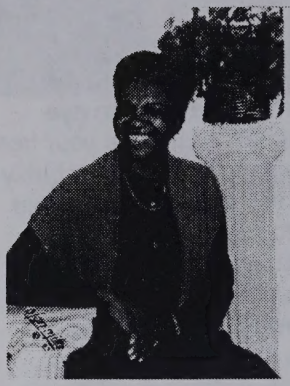

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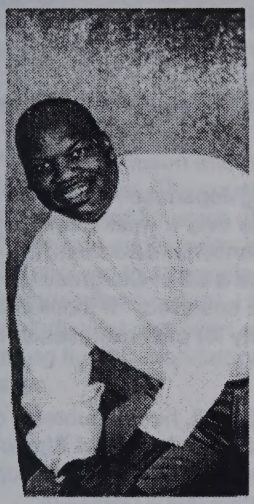
## Sista of the month

## Adrain Bowie

This month's sista is as unique as the spelling of her name. Adrain Bowie is a womyn with a vision focused clearly toward the future, specifically our youth. She dreams of one day developing a school that would cater to gay and lesbian teenagers, because in a safe and comfortable environment these youth can be nurtured and taught to be successful members of our community. She is also concerned about the problems faced by gay and lesbian teenagers, who may either commit suicide or are forced to runaway and attempt to survive on the street.

Adrain holds dual Bachelor's degrees, in communications with emphasis on radio and television and in social sciences with emphasis on history. She is currently working toward a Master's degree. Adrain teaches courses in critical thinking, developmental reading and study skills as an instructor at the Northline campus of Houston Community College system. She is also a self-employed videographer/photographer.

Adrain has a desire to see Black lesbians in the community work more closely and cooperatively on womyn's issues and networking. She feels that attitudes must be changed in order to positively move forward.



# BWANA

## Brotha of the month

## Lavelle Martin

A brotha who has dedicated his life to helping others. Lavelle Martin is a Public Health Educator at the Houston Health Department's Bureau of HIV/STD Prevention. He is a long time warrior in the battle against HIV. Past efforts have focused on women at risk, and people with substance abuse issues. In his current assignment, Lavelle works to educate gay and bisexual men who are at risk for HIV infection. He notes his emphasis is with men of color, who have for the most part been ignored.

Lavelle notes that empowerment is an important component of education. In southern states, black gay men have an HIV incidence rate that is seven (7) times higher than the rate for white gay men. This fact he uses as he plans and executes all educational efforts.

Lavelle also has a busy personal life. In addition to serving as founder and director of the Ebony Men of Houston, he is the musical director at Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church. A single man and father, Lavelle hopes his efforts will add a new voice and positive image to black gay men.

To nominate an outstanding womyn or man, see the inserted flyer, or call the info-line at
(713) 526-9062. extension 8.

# Editorial

## Why Is Apologizing So Difficult?

### Racial Harmony In America Can Not Proceed Without An Apology

Steve Walker

Over a decade after Congress apologized for herding Japanese-Americans into internment camps during World War II and just a little over a week after President Clinton spoke about racial unity during a commencement address, a dozen white lawmakers announced plans to introduce a bill in Congress to apologize to Black Americans whose ancestors were enslaved. If there is ever to be racial harmony, America must take responsibility for past mistakes and plan effective and proper rectifying action.

When representative Tony Hall, D-Ohio introduced the bill, he undoubtedly did not split between the races on this issue. In a recent CNN poll 2/3 of African-Americans were in favor of an official apology; an equal number of whites opposed it. This reluctance to accept responsibility makes many people of African descent, including those who are lesbian and gay extremely unhappy and illustrates unwillingness of this country's leadership face and solve racial problems.

The worst statement a white American today could possibly say would be, "Well, I didn't own any slaves, so why should I apologize." This illogical thought pattern misses the argument completely and again serves as more reason for an apology to be issued. For many people of African descent we either remember them ourselves or have learned from stories told by parents and grandparents about having to ride at the back of the bus, drink from designated fountains, see movies only from the balcony or be educated at substandard schools.

Beginning in the 1400's, African people were *captured* from *their* lands, bound and shackled, beaten and loaded in cargo ships headed for America. In their native lands, these men and women were fathers, husbands, mothers, wives, sons, daughters, royalty and commoner. From the second these people were herded onto the ships, however, they lost all humanity in the eyes of their captors, and became someone else's property.

During the transport to America, more than 1/3 of the captives died, their decaying bodies either thrown over board or left with the other captives for the remainder of the long voyage. Upon arrival, the people were then put up for public display where they were prodded to check musculature. The strong African men and women were beaten into submission. Beaten until they did what they were told (in a language totally foreign to them). If there was suspicion that a slave would make an escape attempt, half of his his foot was severed, his leg broken or simply amputated. Women like men were beaten until they performed chores and more times then not used as sexual objects.

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Does America owe African-Americans an official apology? Undeniably yes. Not just a blank "ok, we're sorry," and that's the end of this subject. America has plenty of work to do racially. The discord between Black and White America is a gaping wound that can not be corrected with with finger tip Band-Aids; its cleat that a surgical repair is needed.

President Johnson attempted to make repairs when he introduced Great Society Programs. The country's ultra-conservative tone of scrapping these policies after just 30 years of operation despite prior 400 years of slavery, Jim Crowe and segregation is inconceivable. The Congress should issue an official apology to all people of African descent. Though some might find my ideas for reparations radical, I find them justifiable. To correct the pattern of abuse, hate, distrust and overt racism African-Americans suffered, I propose the following five (5) mandatory points which must be included with any form of reparation.

1 Each African-American should receive today's equivalent of 4-acres and a mule, which according to L. Ray Scott is estimated to be $113,569.16 .
2 $500 billion should go to rebuild inner city neighborhoods which would include demolition of substandard housing projects and replacing them with more adequate family dwellings.
3 Every public primary, intermediate and secondary school and Historically Black University should be overhauled and modernized with the latest scientific equipment, dormitories, classroom buildings and other facilities.
4 Aggressive balancing programs be initiated to create business and educational opportunities for people of African descent.
5 Every Black person imprisoned for non-violent offenses should have their sentences reduced by at least one-half.

If America is to rectify her past ills, an apology followed by serious efforts to make amends must be begin immediately. Generations of internalization of hate, substandard education, lack of real opportunity and decaying inner cities all have played key roles in demolition of the Black community and hope among many Black Americans. It's time for the Congress, the President and white Americans to put up, or shut up.

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| **Reporters** | Conduct research and submit articles to *JAMAA* monthly |
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| **Delivery Staff** | Deliver *JAMAA* to selected distribution points monthly |
| **Production Staff** | Assist monthly production and compilation of *JAMAA* |

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## Mission

The African-American Lesbian and Gay Alliance (AALGA) provides social support, education, tools for empowerment and leadership to bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender people of African descent in the greater Houston area. AALGA strives to create a community that celebrates our cultural, spiritual and individual diversities.

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